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**Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher, and County Elections Officials Urge Support of Bond Act to Modernize Voting Systems**

**SACRAMENTO** - Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, and county elections officials from across the state will hold a press conference Tuesday, May 23 in support of AB 668. Assembly Bill 668, the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2018 authored by Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher, seeks \$450 million to improve California's voting systems. The funding would update aging equipment and also modernize how the state conducts elections to improve the voting experience.

[Press Release: Secretary of State Padilla and Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher Announce Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2018](#)

The last major investment in California elections systems came through the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 and Proposition 41, the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002. In [a report published in March](#), the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recommends that the legislature consider one-time funding to replace aging voting systems.

**WHO:** California Secretary of State Alex Padilla  
Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
Dean Logan – Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and President, California Association of Clerks and Election Officials  
Helen Hutchison - President of the California League of Women Voters

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017  
12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** State Capitol  
Room 317

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